Integrity - Service - Excellence

War Reserve Materiel

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WRM…What Is It?

- It's all you get to fight the war…until sustainment
- OK…but what is it?
- Standardized assemblage designed for a specific need. Also known as a "project" or "UTC"
  - Each UTC has a Pilot Unit and MEFPAK
  - They determine what is needed to meet the mission
  - The resulting list of items called an Allowance Standard
  - Allowance Standards found on AFMLO's web page
- WRM bought separately from everything else

Some Gee-Whiz Facts

- Over 600 WRM packages deployed for OIF
  - $82.5M total value
  - $63.4M were “sold” to the Line of AF
- At Ramstein…
  - Deployed EMEDS-like package to Romania
  - Expanded Landstuhl Regional Medical Center 150 beds
    - Still going…
  - Activated Blood Transshipment Center
    - Still going…
  - Deployed EMEDS-Basic to CENTCOM
  - Activated 100-bed Contingency ASF
    - Still going…

Quite simply…WRM is not just mothballed…it is used!

Bay in Southside Gym

Supply Storage in Southside Gym

Female Partition in New Patient Bay

Supply Storage in New CASF

What WRM do You Have?

- OPLANs drive the need for WRM
- MAJCOMs meet to assign wartime taskings on MRL
- Your MAJCOM will let you know what you get
- Funding comes once a year (you might get it in Oct)
  - There is never enough
  - MAJCOMs meet summer before to allocate funds
  - They must be accurate……garbage in—garbage out
- You need a plan on how to spend smart
  - Work with your MAJCOM

Congruence: DOC = MRL = Build Plan = Fund Plan = Spend

Taking Care Of WRM

- Keep up on Allowance Standard updates
  - Validations oftentimes “pushed” out to you…work them!
- Each project must be inventoried annually (**HSI interest item**)
  - Team chief involvement is crucial to success
- Manage your dated items
  - Plan ahead to replace items before they expire
  - Use credits earned from WRM items for WRM only
  - Accurate records make this easy
  - If you store dated items away from your assemblage have a written plan in place on how to deploy them
- Keep up with equipment PM and calibrations
  - Storing equipment separately may help your BMETs but you risk leaving without it…
  - Set inventory and BMET to same month

Taking Care Of WRM

- **Keep your projects palletized…can you meet DOC?**
- **Set up an agreement with CE for maintenance (HSI interest item)**
  - **Generators, heaters, ECUs… No can do for BMETs**
- **Work closely with your lab officer to keep your I-STAT software updated**
- **Same goes for RAPIDS and TDBSS**
- **Have detailed written plans on how to execute any deferred items (HSI interest item)**
- **Have a detailed continuity folder for each project (HSI interest item)**
- **At Ramstein, we have "project managers"**

BW/CW

- MAJCOM sets your levels
- Make sure your QA data is perfect
- Keep on top of FDA extensions
  - Use AFMLO's web page to be proactive
  - Make sure you re-label properly (HSI interest item)
- Practice like you mean it (HSI interest item)
  - Pull the real stuff once and time yourself
  - Use accurately sized simulators in exercises
- Practice both individual and palletized deployments
- Use Cannon AFB model on deployment issues
- Don't issue P-Tabs or Diazepam w/o written orders

Training

- Don’t stick your weakest 4A1 NCO in WRM!!!
- Train your people on deploying WRM
  - Pallet build up, Hazardous cargo, LOGMOD
- Train your people to deploy themselves
  - EML & GTN
  - Patient Movement Items
  - Read the CONOPS for all UTCs
- If you simulate during exercises make sure you can do it for real (e.g. pulling and palletizing drugs)

Using WRM

- **WRM is a stock fund asset just like items on your warehouse shelves…it must be sold when used**
  - **Line funds (fund code 30) must be used for deployments**
  - **Never let a lack of funds stop a deployment**
- **Real-world deployments**
  - **Look to your MAJCOM for directions on how to issue**
  - **Inventory within 60 days of asset returning**
- **Exercises outside your local area (120 days max)**
  - **Don’t issue the assemblage if less than 120 days**
  - **Need MOA between your account and user**
  - **Inventory and issue any items that were used within 30 days of return**

Using WRM

- **Local Exercises**
  - **Inform your MAJCOM before exercising**
  - **Make sure your Commanders know they must pay for used/broken items and determine what RC/CC will be charged prior to the exercise**
  - **Issue any used/broken items after the exercise and use the money to procure replacements**
- **Saving life or limb**
  - **MTF Commander may authorize use of WRM to save a life or prevent undue suffering**
  - **Issue the items to the using RC/CC**

Reporting on WRM

- Accurate reporting is only possible with accurate records
- Status Of Resources and Training System (SORTS)
  - Tells your status to the Wing, MAJCOM, AF, and JCS
  - Based on your DOC statement
  - Very structured rules
  - Not all UTCs “rated” but all are “reported” don’t confuse the two when calculating your C rating
- AEF Reporting Tool (ART)
  - Reports your status based on AEF
  - Not as structured as SORTS

Should WRM be reported at Medical Readiness Cou

Reporting on WRM

- MRDSS
  - Very little unit input…pulls records from your system
  - Used by higher HQ as a decision making tool
- Reporting do's and don'ts
  - Get involved. Don't just pass a number to readiness
  - Explain why your rating is so and what is being done
  - Don't sugar coat or make excuses…just tell the truth
  - Your MAJCOM loggie reads it so don't blow smoke
  - Give realistic get well dates…be conservative
  - Did I mention keeping accurate records

Have a management tool / spreadsheet…

A Word about ANG & AFRES

- Many CONUS bases account for ANG & AFRES WRM
- It is YOUR job to help them manage it…
- Depending on the base, you might even get staffing
- The Ramstein experience…
  - Circa March 2003, HQ AMC/SGSL calls
  - CCATTs & In-Flight Kits are inbound
  - The 491 EAES was setting up in EUCOM
  - The kits were NOT ready…
  - Over half of the equipment sent to Ramstein NOT ready

Last Two Points

- **Contractors**
  - **ISS is great and has great people…but…it is still your responsibility and your backside on the line**
  - **Stay deeply involved**
- **Checklists, checklists, checklists**
  - **Have a checklist for everything related to deployment**
  - **Deferred items, HAZMAT, refer items, marshalling, BW/CW, backpacks, work shifts, and much more….**
  - **Make them very detailed and idiot proof**
  - **Make sure everyone knows how to use them**
  - **When the manure hits the bladed cooling device… its too late to think about what you need to do**

Its Up To You